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1. A K.B.W.(Corps of Internal Security) battalion is located at Prudnik (Neustadt) (N 50-19, E 17-35) in the former German [illegible] barracks on Kosciuszki Street. The battalion is made up of 700 - 800 men. They have about 10 trucks, 5 jeeps (lazik) and 10 horses. From May to the middle of September, the battalion is located at its summer camp, called Oboz Letni, situated near the village of Lipa (Linden). Only a guard detachment remains at the Prudnik barracks during this period. Since there are no important industrial installations in the area, it is thought that the mission of the troops is the maintenance of order among the decidedly unfriendly population of Germanic origin.(sic).

2. A K.B.W. company is located at Jaworzno about 1.5 kilometers north of the highway connecting Jaworzno with Pyskow. The company is made up of 150 - 170 men, armed with M.44 rifles (Soviet make) and submachine guns. The company guards the labor camp at Jaworzno and the coal mines Komuna Paryska and Feliks, where prisoners from the labor camp work. Patrols are sometimes sent to the coal mines Bierut and Kosciuszko.

3. A W.O.P.(Military Border Guard) battalion is located at Raciborz (N 50-05, E 18-12) in former German Army barracks. The battalion consists of 700 - 800 men armed with M.44 carbines (Soviet make) and submachine guns. There are 4 Star-20 trucks, 3 Lublin trucks, 12 jeeps (lazik) and 30 horses. The barracks also house a school where about 40 patrol dogs are being trained.

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